

REMARKS

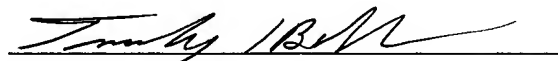
This is a Response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, expired March 28, 2006. Enclosed is our check to cover the fee for a two-month extension of time, to May 28, 2006. Seventy-seven (77) claims, including six (6) independent claims, were paid for in the application. Claims 43 and 72 were canceled by the Applicant in their October 5, 2005, response to the Office Action of April 7, 2005. Claims 1-42, 44-65 and 79 are currently canceled. Claims 66 and 73 are currently amended. No new matter has been added to the application. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Amendment. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Upon entry of the amendments herewith, claims 66-71 and 73-78 remain pending.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 66-71, as noted in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Claim 66 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant also acknowledges the Examiner's conclusion that the subject matter of claim 79 is allowable, as noted in paragraph 7 of the Office Action. Claim 73 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 79, and claim 79 has been canceled. Claims 74-78 depend from claim 73. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 66-71 and 73-78 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-42 and 44-65, as well as the rejection of claims 73-78 prior to the current amendment. Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-42 and 44-65, and amendment of claim 73, however, renders the Examiner's rejections moot in the current application.

In closing Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this Application and its early allowance. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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